

education awareness workshops. This enabled the sorority members to better understand the drastic impact HIV/AIDS is having on African American women of all ages. In addition, for the past 3 years, chapters have participated in the sorority's International Day of Service for HIV/AIDS, a public awareness program in which a day is committed to providing HIV/AIDS education and prevention services to communities around the world.

On Saturday, March 13, 2004, the more than 900 chapters of the sorority located in 44 States, the District of Columbia, and in 6 countries abroad will conduct forums and seminars, provide counseling and testing, raise funds for research and services, and petition lawmakers to enact legislation that effectively addresses HIV/AIDS issues. In my State of New Jersey alone, the Central Jersey Alumnae chapter will sponsor a community forum entitled "Why Not Me? The Affect of HIV/AIDS on Our Families." The event will include key sessions for citizens of diverse age groups, helping participants to clarify perceptions/myths about HIV/AIDS and encouraging them to speak openly about the impact of the disease on their communities. There also will be an open general session in which TEEN PEP of Somerset County will perform some powerful and thought-provoking pieces.

The Montclair Alumnae chapter will provide direct services to the Academy Street Firehouse After-School Project. As part of the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children in Newark, the Academy Street Firehouse addresses educational, vocational, social and medical needs of children and teens who are dealing with the loss of a parent due to AIDS. Approximately 50 children between the ages of 7 and 17 will receive services.

The North Jersey Alumnae chapter will hold three seminars on topics related to the HIV/AIDS: (1) The Secret Lives of AIDS; (2) The role of the church in the fight against HIV/AIDS; and (3) How individuals can protect themselves. There will be free testing and counseling. Speakers will include community activists and church leaders. There also will be a dramatization by the "POWER" group, a youth organization that teaches about HIV/AIDS and its affects.

The Rancocas Valley Alumnae chapter will partner with the Township of Willingboro to present workshops for men, women and children on (1) HIV/AIDS prevention; (2) Functioning as a person living with HIV/AIDS; (3) Caring for people with AIDS; and (4) Volunteering with HIV/AIDS organizations. The day will be filled with a variety of activities such as panel discussions, videos, dramatic presentations, praise dancers, and step teams.

The Trenton Alumnae chapter along with the Rho Epsilon and Tau Kappa collegiate chapters will host Trenton's 2nd Annual Aids Walk. The Walk will begin at a local school and end at City

Hall where the chapters will host a rally and speakers who will discuss the impact of HIV/AIDS. Donations will be collected to benefit the Rainbow House, a nonprofit organization that provides housing for children and adults living with HIV/AIDS in the city of Trenton.

The membership of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. provides an extensive array of public service programs and projects through the sorority's Five-Point Program Thrust: Economic, Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement. The "International Day of Service" is an activity of the sorority's mental and physical health focus "Summit V: Let It Continue—Heal and Healing: Promoting Health and Wellness on HIV/AIDS." Summit V is a means through which Deltas throughout the world assist in informing and educating the public and families about women's health issues, develop community partnerships to help inform the public and provide access to services; provide leadership for supporting policy development and promoting and enforcing legal requirements that protect the health and safety of women; and support research and political efforts to gain new insights and innovate solutions to health problems impacting women.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1913 by 22 visionary college women. Notable members include our colleague in the other Chamber, Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES of Ohio, civil rights pioneer and Congressional Gold Medal recipient Dr. Dorothy I. Height, and former Labor Secretary Alexis Herman.

I invite my colleagues to join me in saluting the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for their global efforts in the battle against HIV/AIDS, and I urge fellow Americans to participate in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., "International Day of Service" projects in their communities on March 13, 2004.●

IN REMEMBRANCE OF PAMELA LAMAR JORDAN

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to pay tribute to Pamela Lamar Jordan, a tireless advocate for families and the plight of children. She was committed to serving the needs of her community and to improving the quality of life for young people in Saginaw. Pamela received numerous community service awards throughout her life. She will be missed by those whose lives she has touched.

Pamela Lamar Jordan was born in Saginaw, Michigan on June 24, 1961. She is a graduate of Arthur Hill High School and was in pursuit of her BSW at Saginaw Valley State University. She was a member of the Word of Faith International Ministries, where she

worked with the Youth Department. She was also a 1999 graduate of the Spoken Word School of Ministry.

In 1995, Pamela founded the New Alternatives Youth Service Center in Saginaw, Michigan. The Center's purpose is to educate young people and to provide an alternative to drugs, gangs, and violence. Pamela was also a mentor with the Family Youth Initiative, which is affiliated with the Bay Area Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency.

Pamela was also the founder of the Saginaw Sister-2-Sister Spirit of Excellence Pageant. Sister-2-Sister promotes abstinence and works to decrease the rate of pregnancy among teenage girls in the Saginaw community. Pamela believed this program helps local teenagers better understand themselves, and provides them with the appropriate information necessary to make healthy life choices.

Pamela Lamar Jordan passed away at the age of 42 on March 7, 2004. She was a woman of great faith who was devoted to her family and to her community. Pamela is mourned by her family, the members of her church, and many people across my home state of Michigan. Pamela is survived by her husband Cornelius Jordan and her four daughters: Melony, Janey, Terri and Brianna.

This is, indeed, a great loss to all who knew her or for those who have benefitted from her work. I know my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to the life and work of Pamela Lamar Jordan. I hope her family takes comfort in knowing that her legacy will stand as an inspiration for generations to come.●

STAFF SERGEANT RONALD W. HOSKINS

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I commend Staff Sergeant Ronald W. Hoskins of Fort Leonard Wood, MO, for over 20 years of service in the U.S. Army. He began his service in March of 1983, when he attended Military Police training and subsequently moved to Dugway Proving grounds, Utah to act as a military police desk sergeant.

In 1984 he was reassigned to Germany where he graduated from Military Police Investigations School at the Combined Arms Training Center. In 1987 he was promoted to Sergeant.

In late 1987 Sergeant Hoskins moved back to the United States where he served in both Texas and Alabama, until he was assigned to the 142nd Military Police Company in Yongstang, Korea, in 1990.

In 1991 Sergeant Hoskins began working as an investigator and evidence custodian at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served in this position until 1995 when he returned to Yongstang.

In 1996 He was assigned to the 978th Military Police Company, and during this tour was promoted to staff sergeant while he served as a military police patrol supervisor.